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Dear Ms. Hesse:

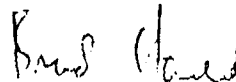
As an attorney, I have long been concerned by the antitrust litigation pursued against Microsoft by the federal government and several states at the instigation of Microsoft's competitors.

I was heartened by the decision of North Carolina Attorney General Roy Cooper to agree to the settlement that has been negotiated, and I write in support of the settlement agreement that is before the judge now.

Microsoft's release of its XP program recently again demonstrates why the company has been successful: it offers a superior product at an affordable price that enables even the most computer-challenged among us to take advantage of the information technology revolution. Microsoft should be praised, not punished, for this aggressive innovation and marketing.

I strongly believe it is time to bring an end to this lawsuit and get on with the business of meeting the economic and safety challenges that face America today.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.



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